

City of Mount Holly
Mount Holly City Council Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Call to Order

Mayor Bryan Hough called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The following were present:

Mayor Bryan Hough	Danny Jackson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Perry Toomey	Miles Braswell, Assistant City Manager
Councilwoman Carolyn Breyare	Ryan Baker, Fire Chief
Councilman Charles McCorkle	Tony Walker, Assistant Streets and Solid Waste Director
Councilman Jeff Meadows	Dave Johnson, Utilities Director/City Engineer
Councilman David Moore	Don Roper, Chief of Police
Councilwoman Lauren Sheomaker	Greg Beal, Planning Director
Kemp Michael, City Attorney	Africa Otis, Finance Director

Invocation

Councilman Charles McCorkle gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Boy Scout Troop 59 of the First United Methodist Church in Mount Holly led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SET THE AGENDA

With no changes to the agenda Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Breyare seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Budget Amendments
 - League of Municipalities Wellness Grant—Fire Department
 - South Gate Way Transportation Evaluation-Planning, Professional Services
 2. Appointment of Zoning Board of Adjustment Representatives
 3. Call for a public hearing to consider amending Article 9.7, entitled Signs General Requirements of the Mount Holly Zoning Ordinance, concerning projecting signs and Section 3.26.2 Definitions related to Signs, to insure that projecting signs are made of quality, durable materials and that maintenance of all signs is covered in great detail
 4. Call for a public hearing for a rezoning of 309 North Main Street, Tax Parcel ID# 123162 from R-8 Multi Family to B-3 General Business
 5. Call for public hearing on a text amendment for the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.
 6. Call for a public hearing on a text amendment for Article 12, 13 and Appendix F, Rules of Procedure of the Zoning Ordinance in regard to Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment membership.
 7. Approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Council Meeting
 8. Approval of the minutes of the February 26, 2018 Council Work Session Meeting
- Councilman Meadows made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of the Mount Holly Middle School Softball Team

Mayor Hough and the City Council recognized and congratulated the Mount Holly Middle School Softball Team for winning their conference championship.

2. Recognition of the Mount Holly Middle School Volleyball Team
Mayor Hough and the City Council recognized and congratulated the Mount Holly Middle School Volleyball Team for winning their conference championship.
3. Swearing In Ceremony for Fire Fighter Adrian Miller
Mayor Hough administered the oath of office to Fire Fighter Adrian Miller. Adrian has worked part-time with the Fire Department since 2015. Adrian was pinned by his Dad.
4. Introduction of New Employees
Department Heads introduced new employees to the City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing on a Text Amendment for Articles 3, 6 and 7 for Multi-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Ordinance.
Mr. DuPont advised that the primary goals of this amendment are to differentiate between apartments and townhomes/condos as well as to require mixed use commercial in the B-1 district. He advised that these amendments are part of the feedback from the Strategic Visioning Plan Process.
At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
Mr. Albert Ferrer on North Main Street was signed up to speak but realized the item he wanted to speak on was no longer on the agenda.
Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
Councilman Meadows made the motion to approve the text amendment for Articles 3, 6 and 7 for Multi-Family Dwellings of the Zoning Ordinance. (Resolution #03122018A) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. Motion carried.
2. Public Hearing on a Text Amendment for Article 10 Landscaping and Tree Protection of the Zoning Ordinance.
Mr. Wilson advised that the City is looking to become a Tree City. Some of the requirements are already met in our ordinance but the proposed changes come from the Arbor Day Foundation. These are requirements to become a Tree City.
At this time, Councilwoman Breyer made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
Mr. Wilson further advised that a couple of the requirements of a Tree City are to celebrate Arbor Day and appoint a Tree Board. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to approve a Text Amendment for Article 10 Landscaping and Tree Protection of the Zoning Ordinance. (Resolution # 03122018B) Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
3. Public hearing to consider amending Section 3.26.1 General Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance, to define retail bottle shops and to allow for retain bottle shops in conjunction with taprooms or tasting rooms in the B-1 Zoning District, to consider amending Section 6.5 Retail Trade uses for Bottle Shops and Taprooms in the B-1 Zoning District and to consider amending Article 7, Note 30 for Bottle Shops and Taprooms
Mr. Beal advised that he has had a couple of entrepreneurs approach him regarding a bottle shop which is the retail sale of craft beer. An example of this type facility is String Bean in Belmont.
At this time, Councilwoman Breyer made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
With no one signed up to speak, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)
Mr. Beal asked for three (3) separate motions on this item.

Councilman Meadows made a motion to amend Section 3.26.1 General Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance, to define retail bottle shops. (Resolution #03122018C) Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Meadows made a motion to allow for retail bottle shops in conjunction with taprooms or tasting rooms in the B-1 Zoning District. (Resolution #03122018D) Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Councilman Moore made a motion to amend Section 6.5 Retail Trade uses for Bottle Shops and Taprooms in the B-1 Zoning District and to consider amending Article 7, Note 30 for Bottle Shops and Taprooms. (Resolution # 03122018E) Councilman Meadows seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

4. Public hearing to consider amending Section 9.9.3 A (c), Commercial District Signs, B-1 District, in the Zoning Ordinance to establish regulations for the use of projecting signs and wall signs in combination for two story buildings in the B-1 District, so long as the total allowable wall sign area on the front of the business is not exceeded.

Mr. Beal advised as part of the Strategic Visioning Plan process, a goal is to take a closer look at buildings in the downtown. Allowing projected signage would be more pedestrian friendly. The allowable amount of square footage would not change.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

With no one signed up to speak, Councilman Meadows made a motion to close the public hearing. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to amend Section 9.9.3 A (c), Commercial District Signs, B-1 District, in the Zoning Ordinance to establish regulations for the use of projecting signs and wall signs in combination for two story buildings in the B-1 District, so long as the total allowable wall sign area on the front of the business is not exceeded. (Resolution #03122018F) Councilwoman Breyer seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

PUBLIC COMMENT – Three (3) Minute Limit

Linda Blevins
200 Mauney Street
Mount Holly, NC 28120

Ms. Blevins came before Council to comment that she grew up in Mount Holly and is now raising two grandchildren. They are being eaten alive with mosquitos due to standing water that drains from the city road to house. The drain pipe is clogged and does not drain properly. She advised that she is currently on disability and needs help.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to enter into Closed Session - pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a)(3 and 5). Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The time was 7:55 pm

Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made a motion to return to open session. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All Council Member voted in favor. (Motion carried) The time was 9:00 pm

Councilman McCorkle made a motion to move forward with the listing agreement for the property located at 309 North Main Street. Councilwoman Shoemaker seconded the motion. All Council Members voted in favor. (Motion carried)

ADJOURN

With no additional items for discussion, Mayor Hough entertained a motion to adjourn. Mayor Pro Tem Toomey made the motion to adjourn the March 12, 2018 Council Meeting. Councilman McCorkle seconded the motion. All Council members present voted in favor. (Motion carried)

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

